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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Schedule for delivery and publication of replies to FEDREP Aide Memoire of September 9 and Soviet note of September 18

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I informed Leishman and Manet that we had received a query from our Embassy in Bonn with regard to the delivery and publication, particularly of our reply to the FEDREP Aide Memoire of September 9. Embassy Bonn recommended that delivery to the FEDREP should be sufficiently early on September 30 to permit release of the text at 1700 embargoed to 2300, both Bonn time. In this way, as Embassy Bonn pointed out the October 1 press in West Germany would be sure to carry the text of the Western reply.

I told Leishman and Manet that we concurred with Bonn Embassy's suggestion and that we would send the following delivery instructions to Bonn and Moscow, such instructions to be subject to confirmation by the UK and French.

(1) The reply to the FEDREP should be delivered in Bonn by the three Embassies at 12 noon Bonn time September 30 and released to the press in Bonn at 1700 embargoed to 2300 September 30, also Bonn time. The reply to the Soviet Government should be delivered in Moscow by the three Embassies simultaneously with the delivery to the FEDREP (i.e. 12 noon Bonn time, 1400 Moscow time, 0700 Washington time). Texts of both replies would be released in Washington, Paris and London at the same time and on the basis of the same embargo as in Bonn (i.e. release at 12 noon embargoed to 1800 Washington time).

I informed Leishman and Manet the Bonn Embassy had also raised a question as to the form of a reply to the FEDREP Aide Memoire. While the Department

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felt the note verbale form would be preferable it believed the question should be left to the discretion of the three Ambassadors in Bonn. Leishman and Manet agreed.

With regard to the suggested delivery and publication schedule, Leishman and Manet promised to inform their Foreign Offices and advise the Department of their reaction when known.

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